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PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday, the 27th July 1936/12th Karkatakam 1111.

The Assembly met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar, Financial Secretary to Government, took the oath and signed the Rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Town Planning.

1 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who the Special Officers appointed for the Town Planning works are ;

(*b*) whether there is any increment of salary or bonus to the officers concerned ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what it is ; and

(*d*) the nature of the works of the respective Special Officers ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) (1) Mr. T. K. Nilakanta Pillai, Assistant Engineer.

(2) Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan, Assistant Peishkar.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) They have been granted deputation allowance equal to 1/5 of their salary in addition to their salary.

(*d*) The Assistant Engineer has been appointed as Special Officer for the valuation of buildings for purposes of acquisition. Mr Narayanan Unnithan has been appointed as Special Land Acquisition Officer for the acquisition of lands in the Tampanur Valley in connection with the Town Planning works, at Pangode for the Military Department, and for the Vellayambalam Mascot Hotel road.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*a*) (i), may I know how many Assistant Engineers there are in the Trivandrum Division?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The first part relates to the Town Planning.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the honourable member is not answering my question at all. My question is, who the Special Officers appointed for the Town Planning works are, and the answer is Mr. T. K. Nilakanta Pillai, Assistant Engineer. In the face of that answer, I want to know how many Assistant Engineers there are in the Trivandrum Division?

PRESIDENT: If your question relates to the Town Planning Section, I can understand it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I will explain the position, Sir. When there are ever so many Assistant Engineers working in the Trivandrum Division, my point is that there is no necessity for taking another man from outside for town planning purpose?

PRESIDENT: Now you may put your question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How many Assistant Engineers are there in the Trivandrum Division?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): My reply was that the question relates only to the Town Planning.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I beg to repeat the question. How many Assistant Engineers are there in the Trivandrum Division?

PRESIDENT: The question has to be answered.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There are two Assistant Engineers in the Trivandrum Division. But the Town Planning Section requires the services of a Special Officer who has to work whole time.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether those two Assistant Engineers have their headquarters in the Trivandrum town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the face of those two existing officers, may I know why another special officer in the grade of Assistant Engineer has been appointed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have already stated that the services of a whole-time officer for Town Planning works are essential.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, the nature of the work of the existing two Assistant Engineers when a special officer is put in for Town Planning?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): They are in charge of separate Sub-Divisions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*d*), may I know how many buildings the Assistant Engineer has valued so far?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question was—

"the nature of the works of the respective special officers"

and the answer is—

"The Assistant Engineer has been appointed as Special Officer for the valuation of buildings for purposes of acquisition".

So, I put the question how many buildings have been valued by the Special Officer for that purpose and the Government member says that he has no information. Therefore I say he has not answered my question.

PRESIDENT: It is an answer. The only thing you may now say is that it is not the answer you want

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who supervices the work of the Special Officer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Division Officer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who supervises the work of the Division Officer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Chief Engineer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has got the information about the number of houses that has been valued by the special officer so far?

PRESIDENT: But you omitted to ask one more question, Mr. S. J. Nair. That is, who supervises the work of the Chief Engineer? (*Laughter*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Unfortunately nobody does it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether this Mr. T. K. Nilakanta Pillai was in the service of the department or taken from outside?

PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair is still in possession of the House.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the acquisition of lands in the Thampanur Valley is over?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is temporarily suspended.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): As per orders of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that work will be resumed or is permanently stopped?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the Government whether Mr. Nilakanta Pillai was taken from outside the department for this special work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No. He is in the superior services of the Public Works Department.

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